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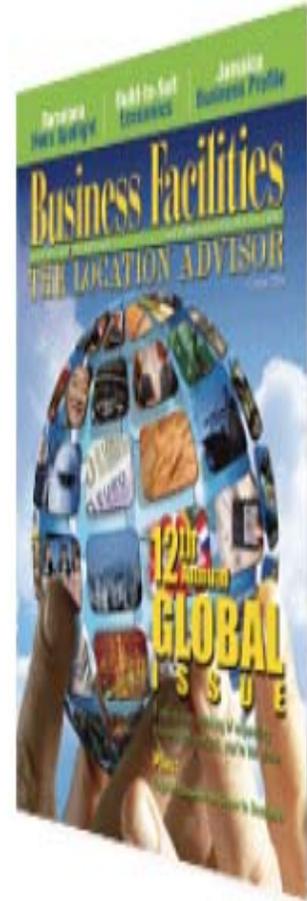
Governor Brian Schweitzer

**Economic Summit on Early Childhood Investment
September 10, 2007**

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The numbers tell the tale ...

- One of the fastest growing economies in U.S.
- 2006 unemployment rates lowest ever recorded for MT – currently lowest in nation



Business Facilities
magazine rates
Montana
#1 in the nation
for its pro-business
climate!

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Record State Job Growth

Record # of People Working ~ 478,162 in 2006

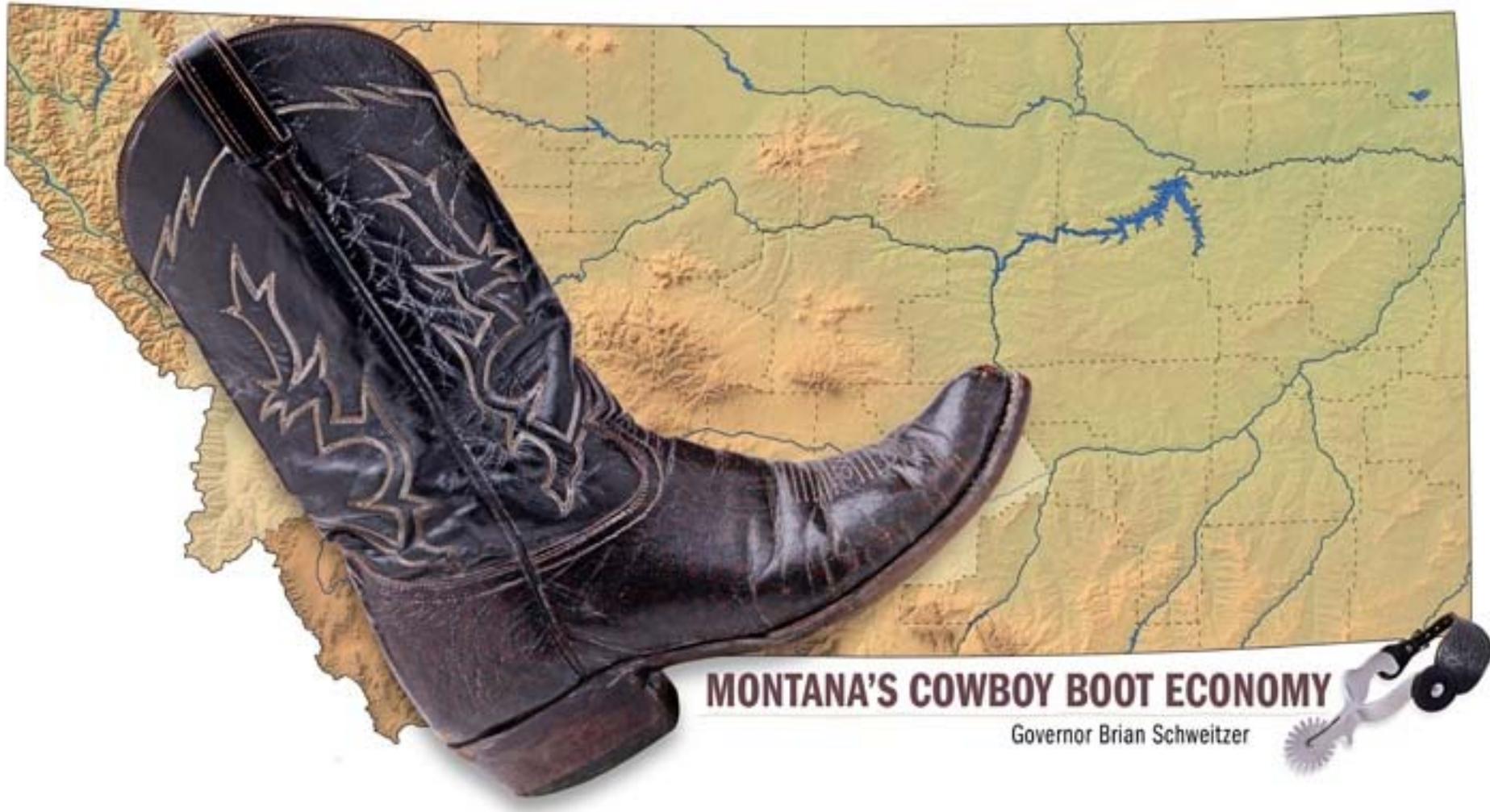
Record Avg Monthly Job Growth

1989-1992	802
1993-2000	990
2001-2004	770
2005-2006	1,534

Who is working ... and where?

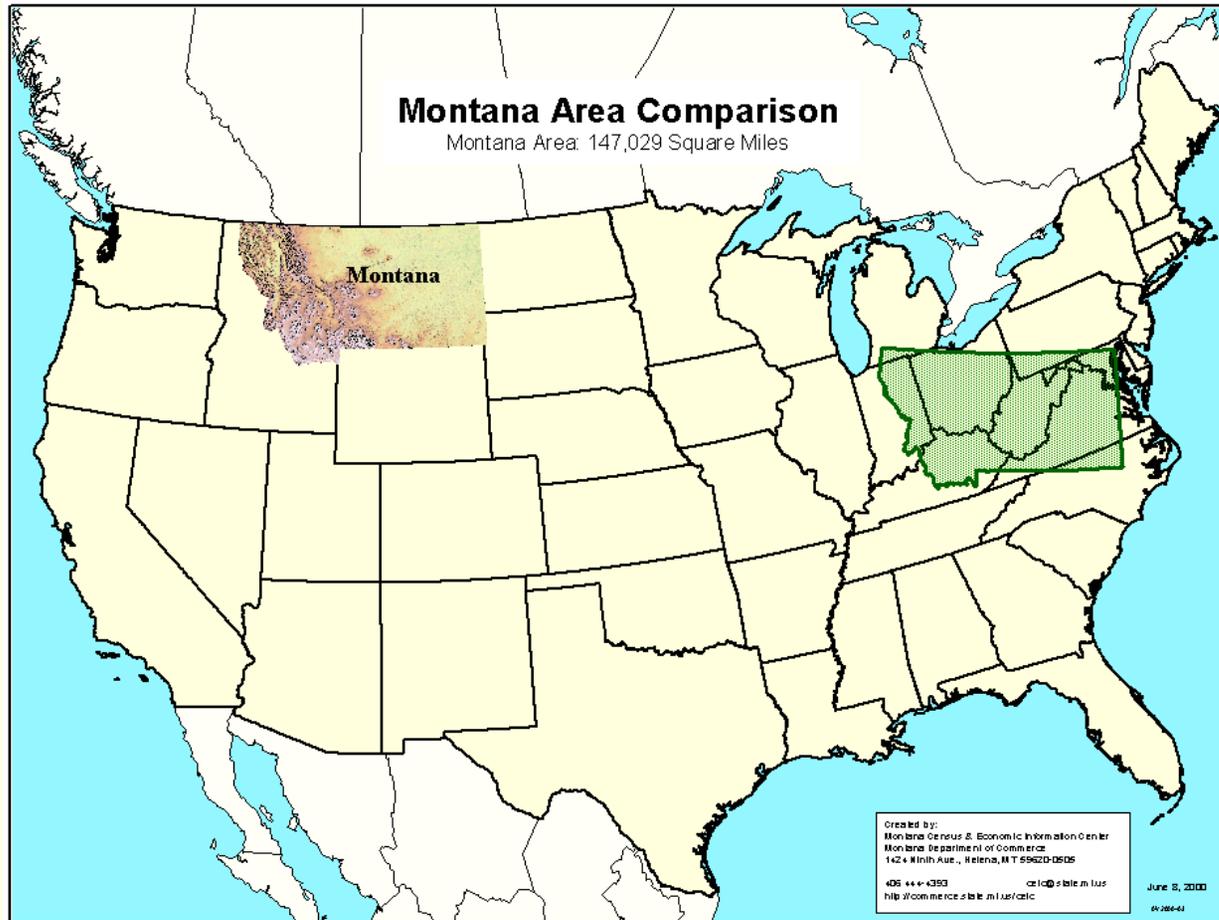
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Challenge: Diverse growth across entire state



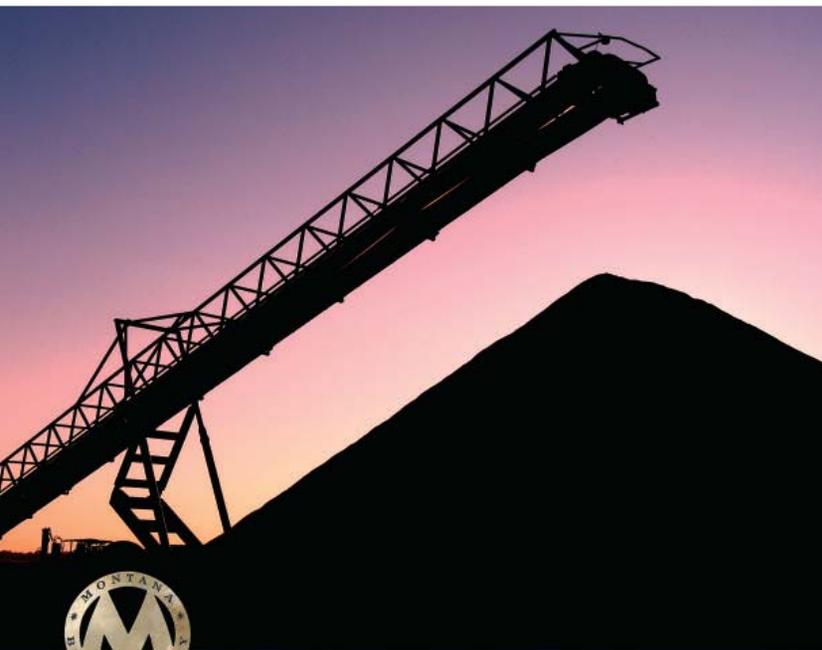
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Big State – few people ...all looking for results





WIND



CLEAN COAL

Energy & jobs for today & tomorrow

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BIO-FUELS

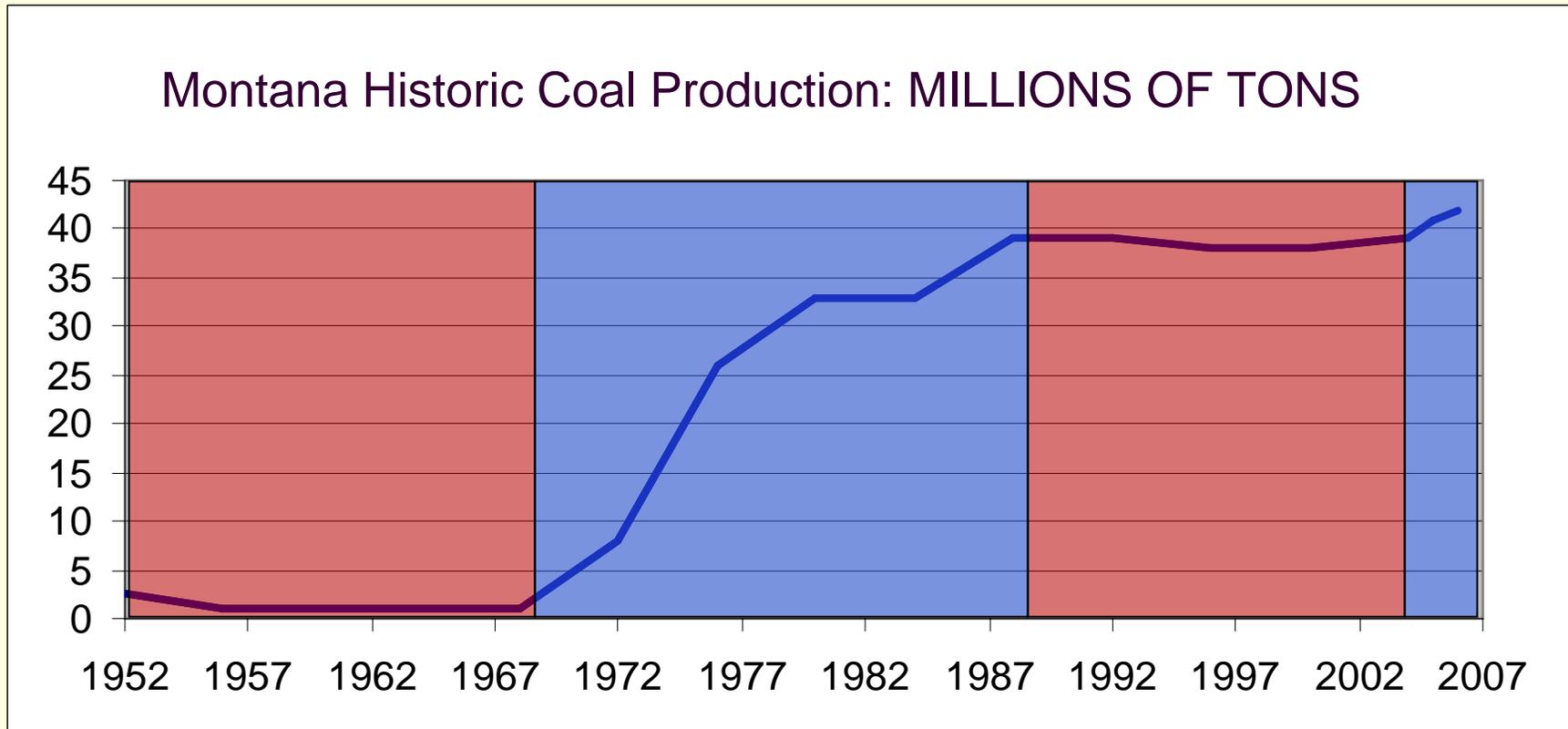


OIL & GAS

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Montana Coal Production

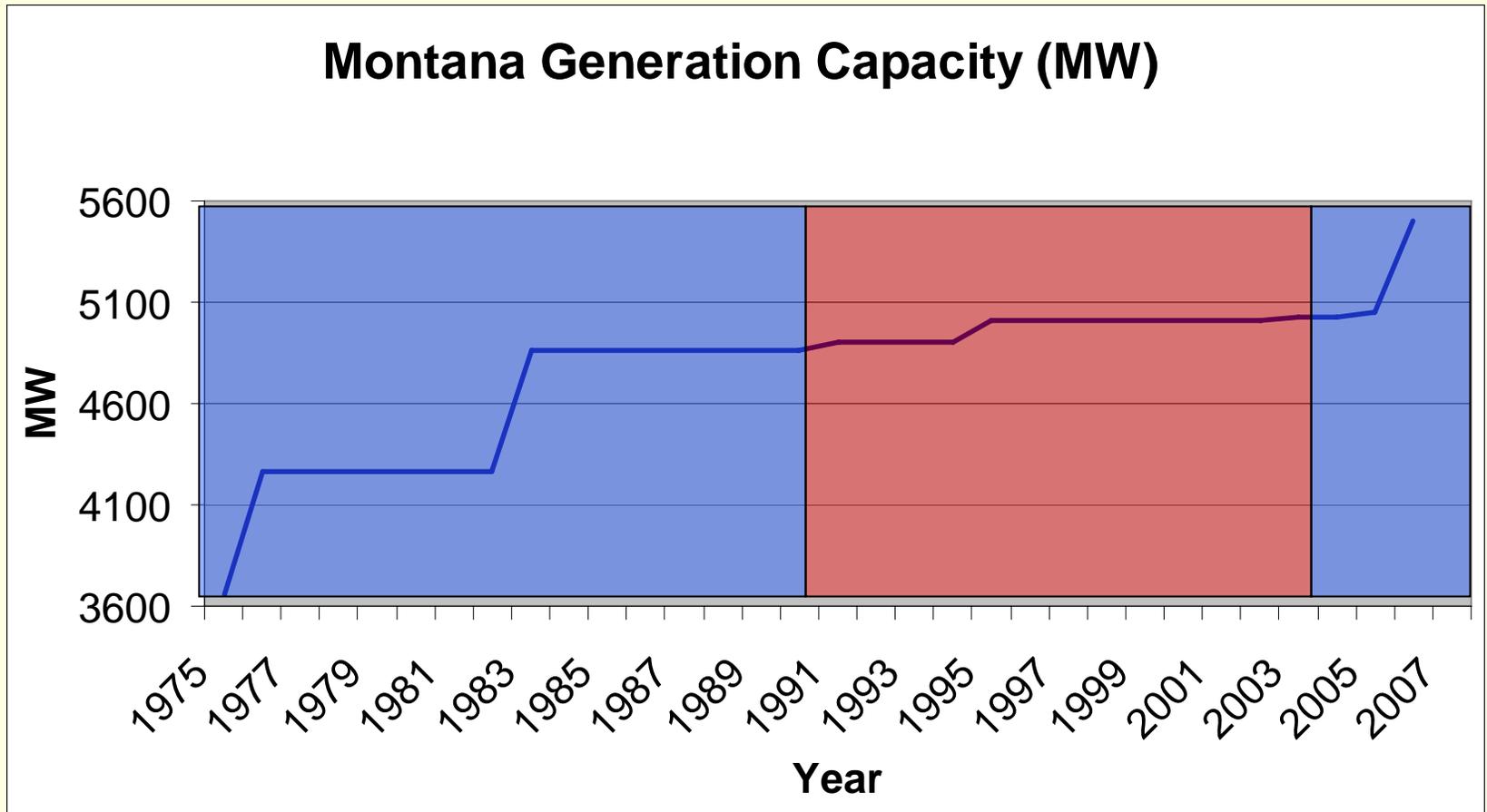
MT has 28% of the Nation and 8% of the World's coal.



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Harnessing the wind ... and more



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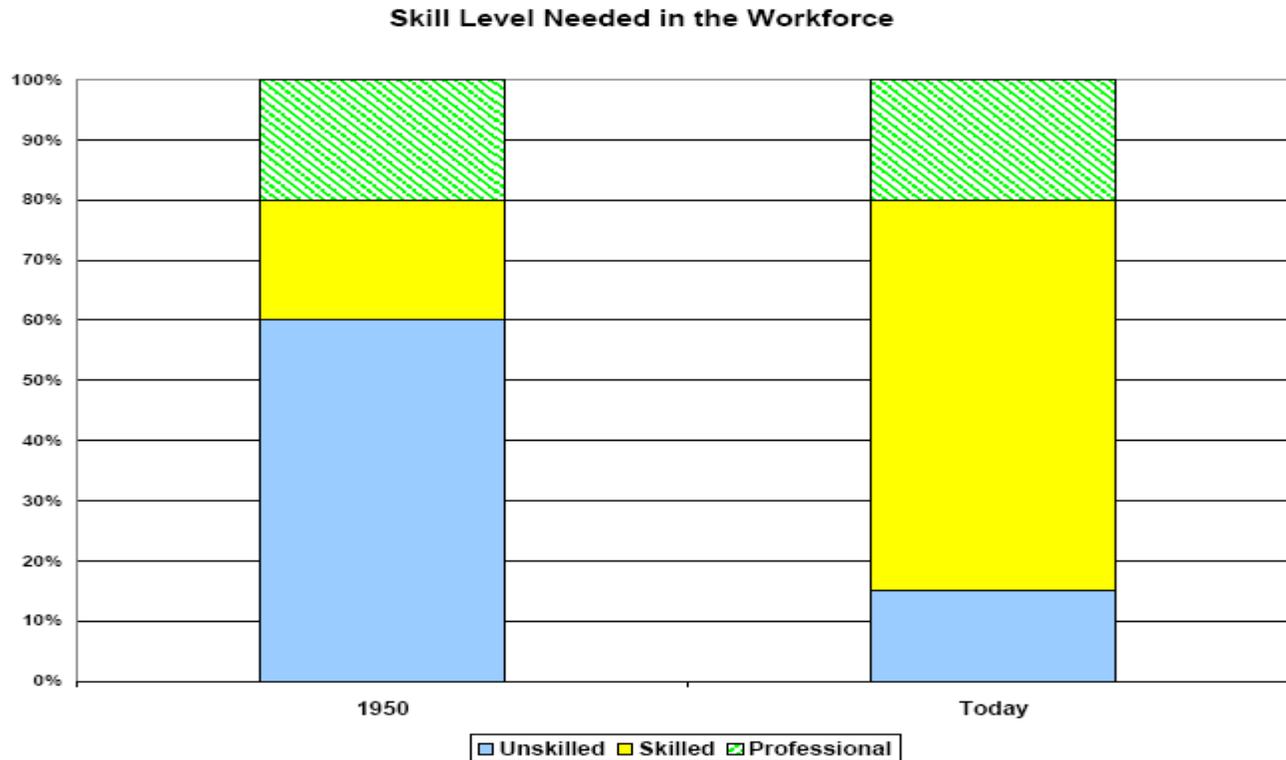
Record High Oil Production

Montana oil production up 50%
since 2004

Years	Total BBLS
2004	24,711,630
2005	32,779,893
2006	36,215,772

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Building a Ready Workforce

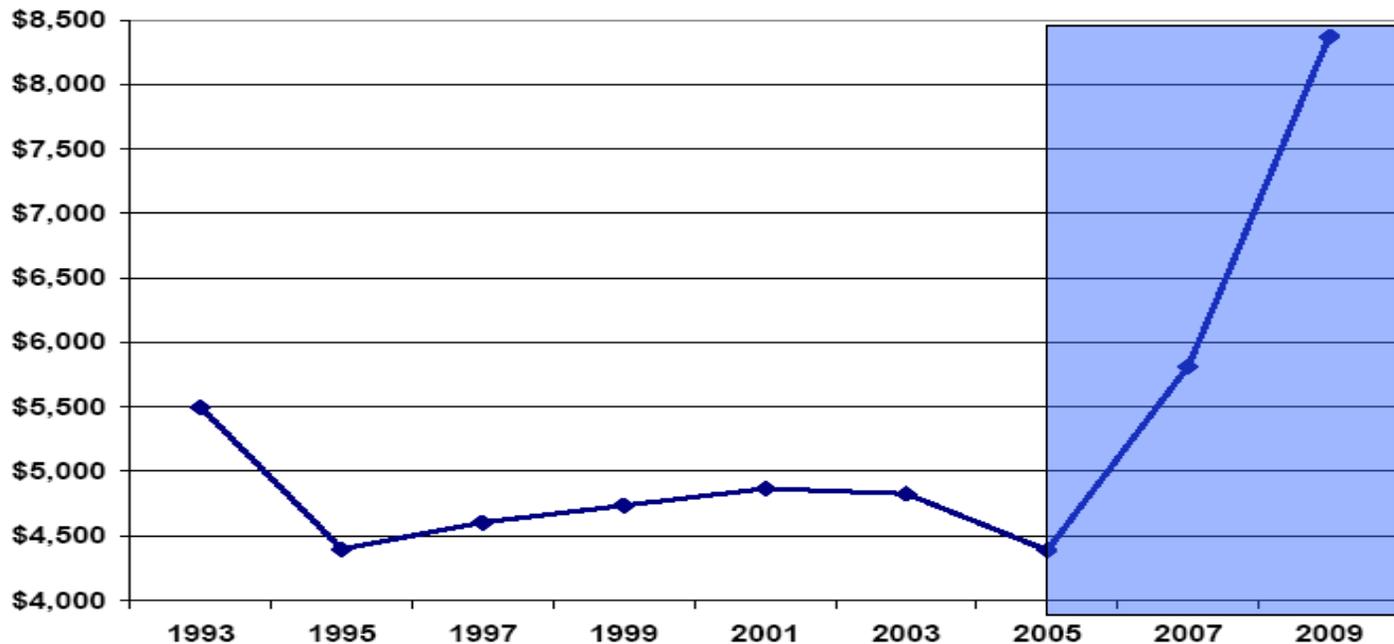


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Going to 2 year college matters

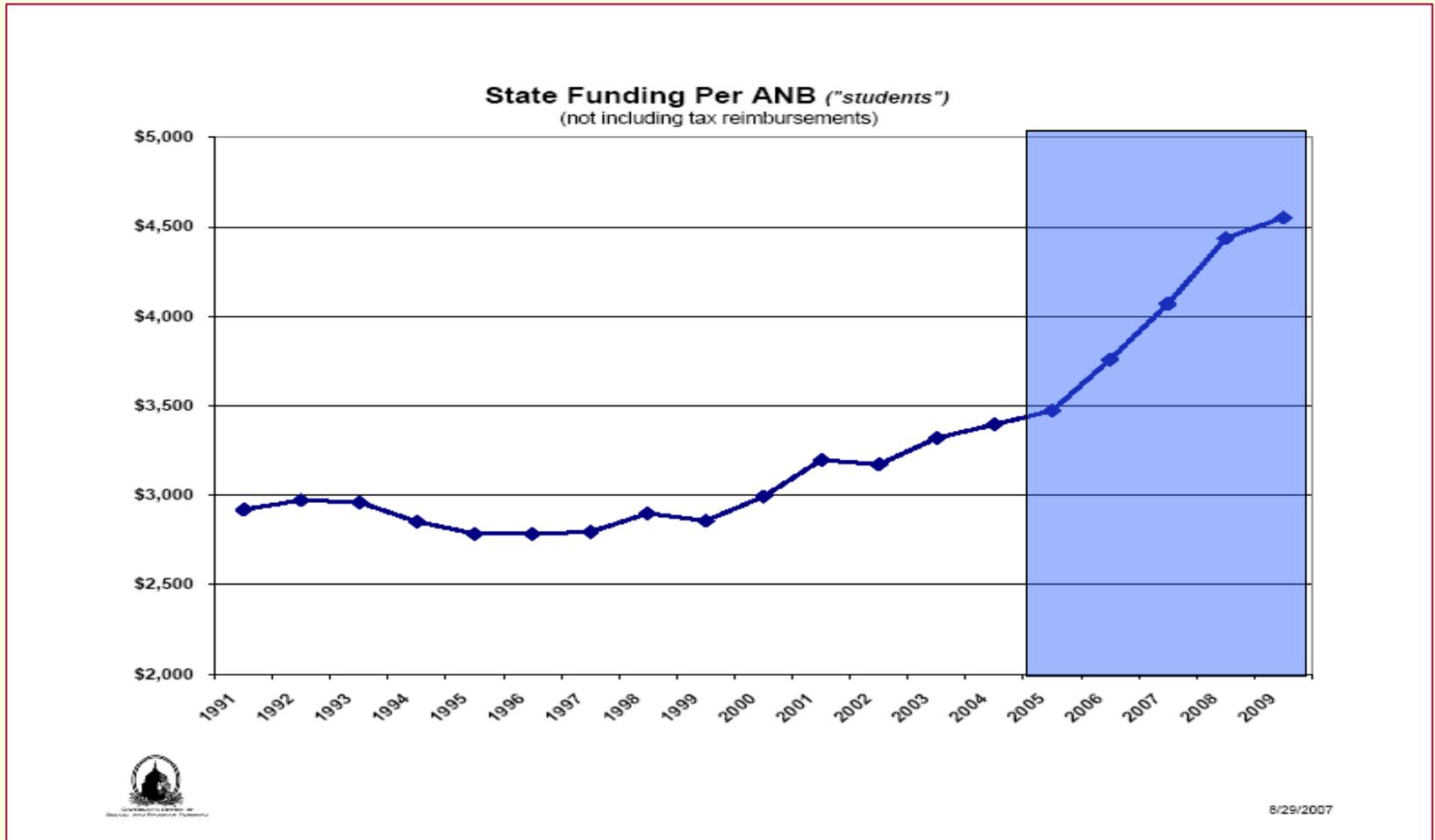
State Funding Per Resident MUS Student
Includes state investment in scholarships, buildings, and one-time-only money



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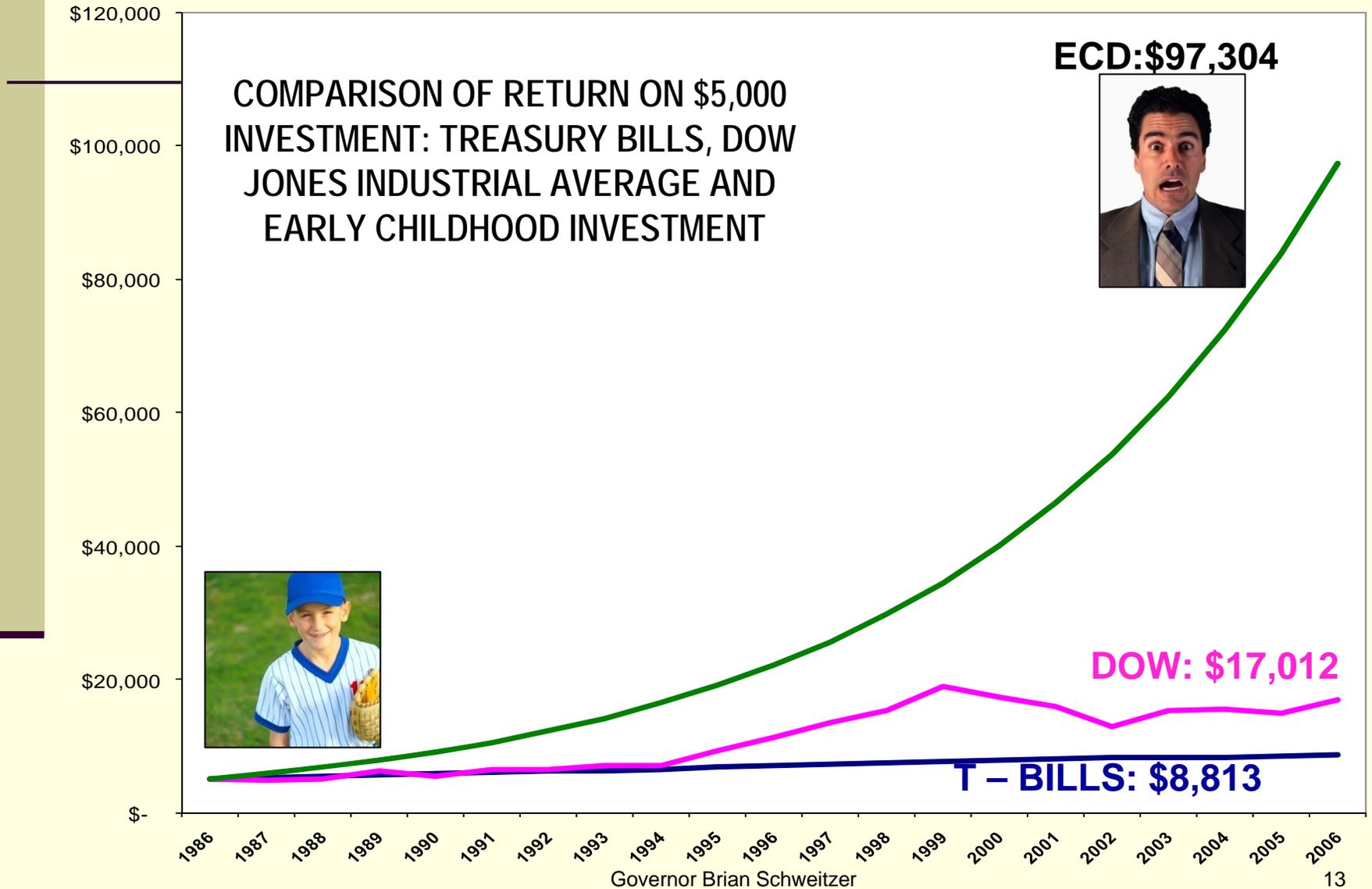
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Quality K-12 Education



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Return on Investment



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Building blocks for the future

***Best Beginnings:
Montana's children are tomorrow's
workforce.***



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Investing in youngest Montanans



- 🧱 Community School Readiness Summit
- 🧱 Business Summit
- 🧱 Full-time Kindergarten
- 🧱 Partnerships with
- 🧱 Economic Study

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The Generational Opportunity



Middle East

GENERAL LIBRARIES
DEPOSITORY



1,000 Nautical Miles



United States



1,000 Nautical Miles

- Northern Mariana Islands
- Guam
- American Samoa

U.S. Virgin Islands

Puerto Rico

